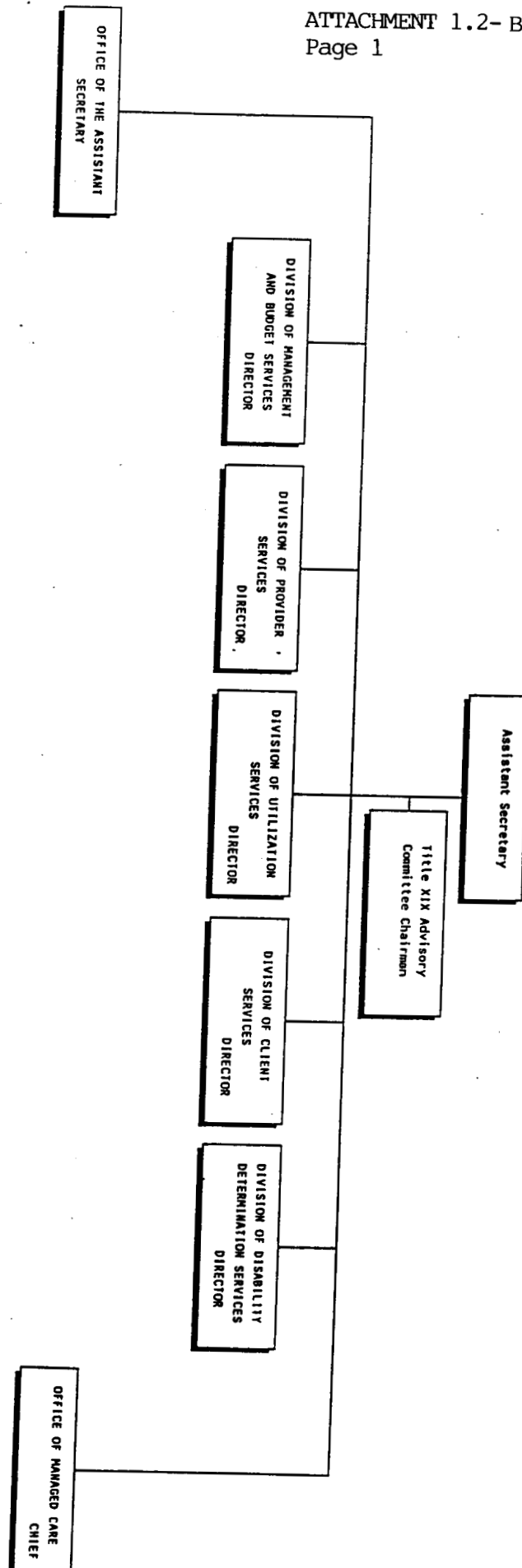


MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is the designated medical assistance unit for the Single State Agency. MAA makes necessary health care services available to recipients of income assistance, SSI beneficiaries, and eligible persons with low income who do not qualify for financial assistance.

The mission of MAA is to assure that necessary medical care is available to all eligible low-income persons. Emphasis is placed on meeting the unique needs of a diverse client population including clients with disabilities. To fulfill its mission, the program promotes client access to necessary medical care; assures that the quality of care meets community-wide standards; promotes appropriate use of services by clients; promotes delivery of appropriate care by service providers; assures service providers are paid quickly and accurately; and assures that services are purchased in a cost-effective manner. MAA also assists Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) field services within Community Services Offices (CSO) to assure prompt and correct eligibility determinations for program applicants.

MAA is composed of five Divisions and two Offices with the following functions:

- Division of Management and Budget Services (DMBS)

Provides overall administrative services including assuring management and service delivery within federal requirements and state laws; program and administration budgeting and accounting; analyzing and monitoring program operations; developing, setting and evaluating reimbursement rates and methodologies; developing, validating, and disseminating, management reports; negotiating, implementing, and monitoring contracts for medical services; and developing and analyzing cost containment initiatives.

- Division of Provider Services (DPS)

Operates the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) including processing and payment of medical claims; provider enrollment; provider relations; and third party recovery.

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● Division of Utilization Services (DUS)

Establishes and interprets medical policy and procedures; monitors quality assurance; authorizes elective hospital admissions, surgeries, and other medically necessary services; and administers the medical provider and client review aspects of the program.

● Division of Client Services (DCS)

Analyzes and implements policy in all family service areas; implements and monitors case management, brokered transportation; provides direct client relations; maintains the client information hot-line system; administers and determines financial eligibility for medical, policies and procedures; represents DSHS Assistant Secretary within the DSHS designated regions; conducts analysis of medically related fair hearings; coordinates the Medicaid State Plan for DSHS.

● Division of Disability Determination Services

Provides disability determinations for Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Title XVI related Medicaid clients.

● Office of the Assistant Secretary

Overall responsibility for program operations and for developing the Medicaid waivers to implement health care reform efforts as mandated by The Washington Health Services Act of 1993.

● Office of Managed Care

Manages basic Primary Care, Case Management and Managed Care Programs including negotiating and implementing contracts; enrolling clients; and monitoring managed care plans and providers.